

Jersey District United Holy Church Sunday School and Chairperson for the finance department of New Jersey's District Ushers Union. In 1979, she was Women's Day's Woman of the Year and on Mothers' Day in 1986, she was honored by Jersey City Housing as the mother who has lived longest in the development.

James has retired from his years of service at the Domenico Bus Company and has held the positions of Deacon and Trustee at Emmanuel Pentecostal Church. He has committed himself to community service by recruiting neighborhood children to Sunday School and Church, even picking them up himself so that they might attend. These children, now adults, have grown and matured in the Lord, a living testimony to James' legacy.

Their beautiful family includes 4 children: James, a Serviceman in San Antonio, Texas; Akua Clark, a bank Vice-President in Franklin Park, NJ; Linda Stokes, a Guidance Counselor at Public School No. 8; and John, a Construction Worker in Jersey City. They also have 7 grandchildren and 6 great-grandchildren.

These fine people have been pillars in my community, and I am honored to call them my neighbors. Mr. Speaker, I know that my colleagues here in the U.S. House of Representatives join me today in saluting Mr. and Mrs. Pierce for their many years of service to their city and to their church community.

HONORING SUE KLUGER FOR ESTABLISHING LEADERSHIP WILKES-BARRE

HON. PAUL E. KANJORSKI

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2003

Mr. KANJORSKI. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize Sue Kluger of Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania for making Leadership Wilkes-Barre what it is today. I ask that my colleagues pay tribute to her achievements as she is honored at a dinner this Wednesday, September 24, in Wilkes-Barre.

Established in 1981, Leadership Wilkes-Barre is an outstanding community development program designed for those in the field of business and industry, healthcare, social services, utilities, government, labor, education, and professional and volunteer organizations. Graduates of the program usually take on leadership roles throughout my Congressional District in Northeastern Pennsylvania, and throughout the United States.

Leadership Wilkes-Barre has a strong commitment to developing leadership skills and of informing class members about the issues confronting our community. It encourages its participants to address community needs by completing group projects, and the program instills a commitment and a personal responsibility to serve and strengthen our community. This program inspires people to get involved and lead their community toward a brighter future.

Sue Kluger exemplifies community involvement and leadership. She is a member of the founding Board of Directors of Leadership Wilkes-Barre and its Executive Director since 1983. She has assisted in the formation of 15 Leadership programs throughout Pennsylvania.

She is a member of countless organizations throughout the Wilkes-Barre area and has participated in many community projects throughout the years. It is no surprise that Sue has been recognized for her community leadership on several occasions. She has been honored as Woman of the Year by the Sisters of Mercy, won the Lifetime Achievement in Philanthropy Award from the National Society of Fund Raising Executives, was awarded the Preceptor Award from the National Association for Community Leadership, was included in the National Directory of Who's Who in Executive and Professional Women, and was the winner of the United Ways of Pennsylvania Volunteer of the Year Award. She has also received the Greater Wilkes-Barre Chamber of Commerce Award for Outstanding Business Woman.

Mr. Speaker, I insert in my remarks at this point the complete text of a recent editorial honoring Sue.

[From the Wilkes-Barre Citizens Voice, Sept. 23, 2003]

SUE KLUGER RADIATES LEADERSHIP

Her tenure created 3,000-plus leaders, doers and friends.

If the Greater Wyoming Valley is well-supplied with anything, it is with individuals who are groomed for community leadership. This, to a great extent, is the result of the career of one who has been called "the leader of leaders," Sue Kluger. Sue Kluger will be honored tomorrow evening with a party and salute at the F.M. Kirby Center For the Performing Arts on Public Square. The salute will be for 20 years of service as executive director of Leadership Wilkes-Barre as she completes that tenure and takes up the role of senior adviser to the organization.

During those two decades, Sue Kluger has headed this well-known community program that identifies as many as 40 emerging community leaders each year and educates them about needs and assets—ranging from economic development to local government to social services. During the same two decades, too, she has encouraged and helped the core program expand to leadership training for high school students, college students, executives and senior citizens through programs called Junior Leadership, Intercollegiate Leadership, the Executive Leadership Series and The Masters Leadership Program. By way of all these programs, more than 3,000 local people have gained understanding of our community and been put into position to help it progress.

Equally as impressive as the large numbers of "graduates," however, is the substantive result of their participation. The boards of directors of scores of area organizations and agencies are more diverse and more vital because they include individuals who have gone through the leadership programs. The actual leaders in training have completed hundreds of class projects. They have done environmental cleanups. They have organized recreational events. They have held performances events promoting the arts in Northeast Pennsylvania. They have held forums—attended by several thousand people over the years—addressing community concerns.

Too, the Leadership Wilkes-Barre program has been personally enriching for those who participate in it. The many alumni of the leadership programs have become a network of friends who can call upon each other to advance community goals.

Friendship, community activism, diversity, and belief in the future of the Greater Wyoming Valley will fill the room tomorrow night at the Kirby Center as the graduates

and friends of Leadership Wilkes-Barre gather. And it will radiate—as it long has—from the woman being saluted, Sue Kluger.

Mr. Speaker, It is a privilege and honor to represent a woman who has done so much for her community and for all of Northeastern Pennsylvania.

HONORING DR. WALTER STRONG,
PH.D.

HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2003

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker I rise today to honor Dr. Walter Strong upon his celebration of 30 years in higher education administration at California State University, Stanislaus, and to congratulate him on his new position at Charles Drew Medical School. He will be honored at a reception on Thursday, September 25th in Stanislaus County in California.

Dr. Strong considers himself "imbued with a can-do spirit from the '60s" and has dedicated his life to education, serving many communities throughout his career. Born in Brooklyn, New York, he received his education at State College of Environmental Studies at Syracuse University, Southern Illinois University, University of Nebraska, University of Illinois, and Golden Gate University. Dr. Strong has served as Assistant Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs, Assistant Vice President, Senior Vice President, and Executive Vice President at numerous colleges and universities. He has been the recipient of numerous honors and awards for excellence, performance, and community service. Dr. Strong saw one of his visions come to fruition with his leadership in the merger and consolidation of Meharry's Teaching Hospital with the city/county hospital of Metropolitan Nashville. In addition, Dr. Strong has twice co-chaired the Stanislaus County United Way fund drive, raising more than \$7 million.

Dr. Strong's contributions to California State University, Stanislaus, and the community are abundant and appreciated by all. He presently serves as the Vice President for Development and University Relations, while also holding the position of Executive Officer for the University's Foundation. Dr. Strong is responsible for development, university relations, athletics, media relations, public affairs, marketing, community affairs, alumni relations, and all aspects of university fundraising at CSU Stanislaus.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Dr. Strong for his years of service and to thank him for his dedication to the students and the community. I invite my colleagues to join me in extending him best wishes for his future.

IN HONOR OF DR. DOROTHY I.
HEIGHT—A GREAT AMERICAN
HERO

HON. SANFORD D. BISHOP, JR.

OF GEORGIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, September 23, 2003

Mr. BISHOP of Georgia. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor one of America's great civil